

REMARKSCanceled Claims

In response to a restriction requirement mailed July 22, 2004, Applicants elected, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Species 2, i.e. claims 16 to 20, in this application. At that time, claims 1 to 15, 21 and 22, included in the non-elected Species 1, were withdrawn. In view of an Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed October 15, 2004, claims 1 to 15, 21 and 22 were canceled. Applicants confirm this cancellation.

DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO-1449 in duplicate on which the documents are listed. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

The following documents, not previously cited during the prosecution of the present application, were cited during the prosecution of U.S. Application No. 09/324,351, filed June 2, 1999, which is related to the present application.

U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Subclass</u>
2,870,307	9/1959	Milliken et al.	338	22R
4,327,282	4/1982	Nauerth	338	22R
5,122,775	6/1992	Fang	338	22R
5,884,391	3/1999	McGuire et al.	29	612
5,900,800	5/1999	McGuire et al.	338	22R
6,020,808	2/2000	Hogge	338	22R
6,177,857	1/2001	Inoue	338	22R

The following document has not been cited previously.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Details of Document

U.S. Application No. 09/324,351, filed June 2, 1999, Walsh et al., now abandoned.

Additional Prior Art

For purposes of this examination only, Applicants ask the Examiner to consider that electrical devices which were the subject of U.S. Application No. 09/324,351, were publicly shown and/or sold prior to the filing date of U.S. Application No. 09/324,351, and more than one year prior to the filing date of this application. Applicants believe the claimed invention is patentable over these devices, in particular because the prior art devices did not teach in any way the use of an electrical assembly comprising first and second electrical devices, each of which devices has a particular construction (including a first insulating layer) and specified electrical characteristics. Applicants explicitly do not admit that these prior art devices are prior art for any purpose except for the purpose of ex parte prosecution of this application. For example, Applicants make no such admissions for the purposes of any inter partes proceedings involving this application or any ex parte or inter partes proceedings involving any patent issued on this application or any reexamination or reissue thereof, or any ex parte or inter partes proceedings involving any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application of this application or any patent granted on such a continuing application.

Because the above information, which is not in the form of a document, does not fit the format of a Form PTO-1449, the Examiner is requested to indicate in writing that he has considered this information in his examination of this application.

Copies of Documents

In accordance with the Official Gazette Notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the listed patents are not being sent. All of these documents are, however, listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and Applicants will readily supply copies if needed. A copy of the cited patent application is enclosed.

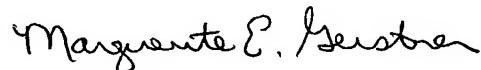
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Applicants believe that because this Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the filing of this RCE, no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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US PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

Exr. initial	Details of Document	Translation enclosed (?)
	U.S. Application No. 09/324,351, filed June 2, 1999, Walsh et al	

Examiner's signature	Date considered
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